



## **ENSURING AMERICA'S STRENGTH AND SECURITY:** ***A Democratic National Security Strategy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*** ***(September 2005)***

### **STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S MILITARY**

- Increase troop end-strength by 100,000, enhance recruiting and retention incentives, and relieve burden on National Guard and Reserves.
- Invest in weapons systems that bear a relationship to the gravity and nature of the threats we face.
- Complete the military's modernization effort.

### **DEFEATING GLOBAL TERRORISM**

- In the short term, capture or kill terrorists who are bent on attacking Americans and others, and target the broader network of terror groups.
- In the long term, strike at the roots of fanaticism by promoting education and economic reform in Islamic nations; convince governments to clamp down on institutions that serve as terrorist breeding grounds; and encourage reformers.

### **PREVENTING A WMD CATASTROPHE**

- Secure and account for all nuclear materials as soon as possible.
- Triple the funding for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program (Nunn-Lugar) and other non-proliferation programs.
- Work with the Russians to remove a significant number of nuclear weapons from hair-trigger alert.
- Target rogue states that traffic in weapons of mass destruction.
- Strengthen the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

### **ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN IRAQ**

- Supply our troops with everything they need to suppress the insurgency and secure the country – including, if necessary, additional troops.
- Step up the training of Iraqi security forces, and help the Iraqi forces better protect themselves through the provision of better armor and smarter security where recruits gather.
- Assist the Iraqis in forming a functioning representative government, in which all ethnic groups have a voice.
- Enlist more allied assistance in protecting Iraq's borders, and prevent the infiltration of foreign terrorists.

### **FIGHTING TERRORISM AT HOME**

- Adopt a risk-based formula for disbursing homeland security funding.
- Enact a comprehensive border protection plan.
- Meet commitments under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (e.g., hire additional border patrol agents, secure all air cargo, install radiation monitors at all ports of entry, and install explosive detection systems at major airports).

- Assess risks to nuclear power plants, chemical plants, the energy grid and other critical infrastructure, and enhance security at such facilities.
- Increase security for mass transit through additional funding for rail, bus and subway security.

### **STRENGTHEN OUR INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES FURTHER**

- Prevent Congress and the Administration from eroding the DNI's budget or personnel power, and urge the DNI to recruit, train, and clear intelligence officers and analysts with the language skills and cultural background to penetrate hard targets, including terrorists groups, Iran, and North Korea.
- Scrub the estimates of the WMD programs in Iran and North Korea.
- End the practice of paying for counterterrorism intelligence with supplemental "emergency" budgets, which prevents our intelligence officers from planning future operations.

### **STRENGTHEN AMERICA'S PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND ALLIANCES**

- Work with allies to confront terrorism, poverty and malnutrition, the AIDS pandemic, and global climate change.
- Refocus NATO to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including the war on terror and the challenge of ensuring stability in the Middle East.

### **BOLSTER POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION CAPABILITIES**

- Establish a commission within the United Nations to coordinate and undertake the work of nation building once an armed conflict has ended.

### **LEAD THE FIGHT FOR UNITED NATIONS REFORM**

- Urge the enactment of financial oversight and accountability reforms.
- Urge the imposition of U.N. sanctions, suspension of U.N. membership and deployment of peacekeepers to stop the perpetrators of genocide, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. Grant the Secretary of State the authority to withhold or redirect a portion of the United States' contributions to the U.N. to enforce these reforms.
- Replace the Human Rights Commission with a new Human Rights Council.
- Empower the Community of Democracies by establishing a permanent secretariat for a formal U.N. Democracy Caucus.
- Change the U.N. culture of anti-Semitism that results in repeated anti-Israel resolutions and perpetuates Israel's second-class status within the organization.

### **ACHIEVING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE**

- Undertake a "New Manhattan Project" to accelerate breakthroughs in hydrogen fuels, composite materials and nanotechnology to make automobiles lighter, stronger and more efficient.
- Make greater investments in renewable energy, alternative fuels such as bio-mass, and efficiency improvements to answer the growing demand for energy.
- Review regulations that may inhibit distributed electric generation, as well as gasoline refining and other supply bottlenecks, and make every effort to use all of our energy sources.

### **RESTORE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- Reinstate pay-as-you-go budget rules that govern spending and revenue.